



# Canada's Merchant Navy

CANADA'S MERCHANT NAVY was greatly expanded during the war when, in carrying vitally-needed war supplies over hazardous sea routes, it was rightly regarded as a foremost part of our war effort. Canadian merchant seamen were known to be second to none in their bravery and devotion to duty in times when it was of the utmost importance that war materials and food should reach the overseas ports. At the beginning of the war Canada had only 35 regular ocean-going merchant vessels of over 1,600 tons, totalling altogether 241,880 gross tons. By April 1st, 1947, this had grown to 386 ships, weighing 4,667,724 gross tons.

## To Be Operated By Canadians

The cost of these vessels, which were built by seventeen of Canada's largest ship yards and a number of smaller concerns, was \$229 million dollars. Crown companies were formed to speed up the work and cut costs, and as a result of these efforts Canada was able to make a notable contribution to the success of Allied shipping during the war. There were some losses to the fleet due to enemy action, and early in the war ninety vessels were sold to the United States at cost, to be sent to Britain under the terms of Indemnity. It was the policy of the government to sell those ships which remain only to Canadian firms, to be operated under Canadian registry and consequently Canada now has a large and well equipped merchant fleet.

## A Fine Record To Maintain

Of the 426,910 merchant dollars spent on the construction and operation of Canada's wartime merchant fleet, the Rt. Hon. C. D. Howe, in a recent report to parliament, stated that the government expects to have a net deficit of less than 140 million dollars. This would include losses due to enemy action. There remain considerable losses in fact Halifax is now known as the home port of one of the world's largest merchant fleets. While it is always regarded as a part of a nation's defence, the merchant navy is also regarded as an important industry. The future of the large number of ships now operated by Canadian companies will depend on the amount of goods available for them to carry, as well as the degree of efficiency with which they are operated and maintained. The Canadian merchant navy has established a splendid record and it is to be hoped that it will retain in the future the place which it now holds in world shipping circles.

## New York Preacher Visits Jack Miner Bird Sanctuary

Manly P. Miner, (right), eldest son of the late Jack Miner, O.B.E., showing Rev. Norman Vincent Peale, D.D., pastor of Marble Collegiate Church, Fifth Ave., New York City, how Canada Geese are banded at the R.C.A.P.'s New Year's promotion list. Mr. Miner is wearing the hat and coat of the late Jack Miner with a goose in each arm, which had been banded by the banding purposes on the Jack Miner bird haven.

Rev. Peale became famous the last few years as not only pastor of the well-known Protestant church (Dutch Reform) on Fifth Avenue, New York, but also as the author of a little weekly non-profit pamphlet known as Guide Posts which is printed under his direction.

Rev. Peale became interested in bird banding activities at the famous Jack Miner refuge from the angle of using birds as navigational aids because forty years ago the late Jack Miner conceived the idea of putting a few lines of scripture on each band as well as his name and address. In this way Jack Miner used to say he was fulfilling the promises in the Holy Book where it says "And the fowls of the air shall tell thee."

## Dominion Joins Search For Use Of Cosmic Rays

### To Help United States And Russia In Developing The Possibilities

MONTREAL.—Canada has joined the United States and Russia in developing extensive research into the properties and possibilities of the mysterious cosmic rays which have stirred the imaginations of readers of futuristic fiction stories.

Not much is known about these rays, the existence of which was first discovered in 1910, except that they have a tremendous penetrating power—farward that of X-rays.

These rays enable scientists to study the composition of matter. This aspect of nuclear physics is of great importance as atomic energy is derived from nuclear fission.

The United States and Russia were believed to be the only powers studying these rays extensively, but the copyrighted features of the French magazine Sciences et Aventures to released shortly here reveals that a French Canadian research is conducting cosmic ray research in Montreal as a grant of the National Research Council.

He is Professor Pierre Demers of the physical institute of the University of Montreal who worked during the war with the atomic division branch of the National Research Council pilot plant at Chalk River, Ont.

Professor Demers made his experiments by sending apparatus he designed himself nearly 100,000 feet into the stratosphere. The apparatus is placed in a small nacelle attached to a balloon.

Cosmic rays were discovered, as many other important scientific developments, by accident in 1910. Their properties still are unknown although researchers have found them to have unexplained penetrating power.

They have been detected in mine shafts thousands of feet below the surface of the earth.

Their source is unknown, although it has been established that they are generated neither by the sun or the earth. Scientists hope that their power to separate matter may be of value in the search for improved ways of splitting the atom.

Although they can be studied from the earth, cosmic rays are partially absorbed by the atmosphere around the globe and professor Demers uses his special apparatus to study the rays at an average altitude of 80,000 to 90,000 feet.



**ADVENTURE ON THIP**—Isabel MacArthur was one of the passengers on the C.N.R. train derailed at Anolis, Man. She was tossed through a train window and almost completely buried in the snow. She managed to crawl out unaided. Miss MacArthur, taking a post-graduate course in dietetics at Columbia university, New York, was on her way to Winnipeg to spend a holiday with her mother.

## Coal Reserves In Canada

OTTAWA.—Canada's coal reserves are sufficient to last 2,000 years, a government coal specialist estimated before the joint annual meeting of the Geological Association of Canada and the Geological Society of America.

Dr. R. R. Mackay, official of the mines department, placed the Dominion's total reserves at 88,515,962 tons, made up of a probable reserve of 62,125,098 tons and a "possible addition" reserve of 36,690,864 tons.

The grand total, made public previously in the report of the royal commission on coal, included an estimated 120,000 tons in Ontario.

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## FUNNY AND OTHERWISE

The policeman raised his hand and the woman motorist stopped.

"As soon as I saw you miss," the policeman declared, "I said to myself, 'There's something at least.'"

"Oh no," remonstrated the woman, "it's this hat that makes me look so old."

James: "You have many contrals for your radio, my wife and my daughter."

Smith: "No, my wife and my daughter."

"And who may be the perishing sweetest that put that cigarette on the table?" asked the sergeant with disgust.

"The captain did," answered Private Jones cheerfully.

"Oh," declared the sergeant, then after a pause, "pretty, isn't it?"

Mrs. Baggs: "My husband bars alone are enough to send him home."

Mrs. Wages (suddenly angry): "Well, you're very lucky; it's the closing bars that send my husband home."

Two buzzards were lazily soaring over the desert when a jet-propelled plane slipped by them, its exhaust throwing sand and mud.

At it whizzed out of sight, one of the buzzards remarked: "That bird really is in a hurry."

"You'd be in a hurry, too," said the other, "if your tail was on fire."

"I can't understand how you manage to keep so calm, what ever happens," said Robinson.

"Oh, it's just a matter of training," explained Thompson.

"You see I've a wife, five children, two dogs and a cigarette lighter."

"Harry, did you know that wife of yours a lecture on economy last night?"

"Yes, I quit smoking."

Chemist: Professor: What is the outstanding contribution chemistry has made to the

Student: Blondes.

Clerk: "Are you a guest of the hotel?"

Patron: "No, I pay to stay here."

Many sects in India forbid the killing of animals.

## PROMOTIONS ANNOUNCED IN R.C.A.F.

The Hon. Brooke Claxton, Minister of National Defence, has announced the names of 110 officers included in the R.C.A.F.'s New Year's promotion list.

Ninety-seven of the promotions are to officers of the Regular Air Force, remaining 13 being to officers of the Auxiliary Air Force.

Promotions of commissioned officers are published semi-annually, to coincide with the Queen's Birthday and New Year's Names of Westerners on the New Year's promotion list are as follows:

Officers of the R.C.A.F. (Regular Force):

Squadron Leader to Wing Commander: S. H. R. Pootit of Vancouver, S. M. Davies of Winnipeg, S. R. B. Hoodship, MBE, of Vancouver, S. V. Hill of Vancouver, S. G. A. F. Folske, AFC, of Calgary.

Flight Lieutenant to Squadron Leader: F. W. G. Harvey of Vancouver, F. R. O. Stabler of Winnipeg, F. A. G. Sheffield of Saskatoon, F. B. A. Peters of Winnipeg, F. J. Dunn of New Westminster, B.C., F. A. C. Borden of Yorkton, Sask., F. W. S. Duncan of Regina, S. G. B. Murray, DFC, of Calgary.

Flying Officer to Flight Lieutenant: P. O. E. W. Pierce of Vancouver, P. O. W. Harris of Vancouver, P. O. P. Patrick of Camrose, Alta., P. O. W. H. Cooper, DFC, of Saskatoon, Q. Appelle, Sask., P. O. W. I. Gordon of Winnipeg, P. O. J. Higgins of Winnipeg, P. O. D. B. Bain of Vancouver, P. O. W. N. Hoye of Vancouver, P. O. R. D. Fraser of Winnipeg, P. O. R. Kerr of Innisfail, Alta., P. O. H. Foye of Vancouver, P. O. B. C. F. A. Campbell of Billings, B.C., P. O. H. Croft of Ft. Pion, Man., P. O. J. Higgins of Winnipeg, P. O. C. S. Lindberg of Winnipeg, P. J. McIlwain of Edmonton, P. J. F. Drake of Victoria, B.C., P. J. Bell of Edmonton.

Officers of the R.C.A.F. (Auxiliary Force):

Flying Officer to Flight Lieutenant: P. O. E. A. Alexander of Vancouver, P. O. A. A. Alexander of Vancouver, P. O. V. R. Glover of Edmonton, P. O. C. J. Konarski of Donnelly, Sask., P. O. F. W. McCauley of Edmonton, P. O. R. L. Wilkin of Edmonton.

GEMS OF THOUGHT

The desire for safety stands against every great and noble enterprise.

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"I know that the Lord is always on the side of the right, but it is my constant anxiety and prayer that I and this nation should be on the Lord's side—Abraham Lincoln."

Every one wishes to have truth on his side, but it is not every one that sincerely wishes to be on the side of truth.—Whately.

A man who puts aside his religion because he is going into society, is like one taking off his shoes because he is about to walk upon thorns.—Cecil.

Falseness is in a hurry; it may be at any moment detected and punished.

Truth is calm, serene; its punishment is on earth; its king comes out of the chambers of eternity.—Joseph Parker.

Understanding the control which Love held over all, Daniel felt safe in the lions' den, and Paul proved the vice to be harmless.—Mary Baker Eddy.

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## Experience Of Grain Buyer Was Unusual

FLENTY, Sask.—Emil Olson, plenty grain buyer, is wondering what the odds are against loading the same grain car in one season.

Noting No. 172,772 on the loaded car, I seemed familiar and in checking his files he found the same car had been shipped east by him a month earlier.

EXPENSIVE RECIPE

BOSTON.—A Boston woman asked a dining-car waiter for the recipe of a fudge cake she had enjoyed on the train. The chef who had concocted the cake sent her the recipe—with a bill for \$25. Her lawyer advised her to pay the \$25.

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### Conserving Soil Conservation

In the last fifty years the loss of our prairie soils through soil erosion and mismanagement has been enormous, and it is still going on. The conservation of our prairie soils therefore, is not a matter to be delayed. It is one of absolute necessity—today. This leads us to the subject of soil conservation and land use that everyone is talking (and writing) about these days.

Soil Conservation, in simplest terms, soil conservation is proper use and care of the land. More specifically, it means the land efficiently under a farming system that safeguards it from wind and water erosion.

Soil conservation includes any and all measures which will make the land produce more without damaging it. There are many things the average farmer can do to conserve the soil. Some of these are: (1) Use improved tillage, weeding, and cropping practices to conserve moisture. (2) Employ recommended soil erosion practices to prevent soil drifting and washing. (3) Grow more grass and legume crops. (4) Introduce your mixed farming operations. (5) Use green and farmyard manures. (6) Use commercial fertilizers, where needed. (7) Plant trees and shrubs on land unsuitable for cultivation. (8) Drain land that is too wet; and, too dry. These and other sound farming practices that will protect the land and increase crop production are the real tools of soil conservation.

Land Use. A word about the use of land. Proper land use on the individual farm is simply a matter of fitting the cropping system to the natural capabilities of the soil. It means planting crops best suited to the land, and then working out an efficient erosion-control and soil-building program.

The prairie farmer has an enormous responsibility in respect to the preservation and use of the soil. It has been said, "The only way to save a friend is to be a friend."

Treat the soil wisely and well and it will be your best friend and greatest benefactor. During the coming year, every prairie farmer should plan for the constant and constant care of his soil.

Joe Crowfoot states that about a week ago he saw a grouse scampering over the prairie. Evidently spring is just around the corner.

Saturday the Indians defeated Arrowwood 7-4 and on Sunday the Indians took on Carleton and won the game 9-4.

The annual meeting of the ratepayers of Gleichen will be held on February 9th. In the past these meetings have always been held at the end of January.

During the past year the law has been changed so hence forth the annual meeting will be held in February.

Voices of Experience.—The perspiring woman, one hot August day, practically filled a bus with shouting children. As she was dropping nickel after nickel in the fare box, the driver asked, "Are all these your children or is this a picnic?" "These are all my children, mister," she replied, "and it is not any picnic."

As in the past, Canada will continue to provide a large percentage of Britain's food ration during 1945 and 1946. The United Kingdom will purchase Canada's surplus beef, bacon, cheese and eggs, the actual amounts to be estimated in advance each year and stipulated in the contract. The beef and bacon contracts are for the calendar year while the egg contract will be for twelve months beginning in the latter part of January, and the cheese contract will run for a year commencing April 1, 1945. Canada will provide 195,000,000 lbs. of bacon this year, as against 250,000,000 in 1947, but will receive 87 more per hundred pounds. The price in 1946 will not be less than that for 1946, but will be negotiated before the end of 1945 to maintain the proper relationship with grain prices. Britain will buy 45,000,000 pounds of beef during the current year, which compares with an estimated 50,000,000 pounds actually delivered in 1947. She will pay more for all grades, with a \$3.26 per hundred pound increase for best quality beef. The cheese contract calls for delivery of 50,000,000 pounds during the contract period. While this amount is some five million pounds less than the current contract, the new factory price will be 30 cents, compared with the 25 cents presently prevailing. Canada estimates that 80,000,000 dozen eggs will be delivered to Britain during the current contract period. New eggs will be a little higher, and while

the quantities to be stored, frozen or dried before shipment have yet to be determined, these will be announced in sufficient time for the necessary storage or processing arrangements to be made.

Twenty-five years ago teaching was the one easy and obvious way by which a young man or woman could leave the farm or village and be on his own in a short space of time. Salaries of teachers were not noticeably below those paid in comparable lines of work and large numbers of young people used teaching as a stepping stone to other occupations. Things are different today. Hundreds of occupations are open to young people. Trade and commerce are employing thousands of them. Thousands of Airlines require pilots, mechanics and stewards. Hospitals, steadily expanding in size and number, require nurses. Beauty parlors have given employment to hundreds more. The expanding automobile trade, with all its sub-services, takes up more. University enrolment multiplies. The civil service and defence forces grow with every new stable requirement.

The Teacher Training College, requiring several years of attendance, has become one of many vocational avenues for our high school graduates. During the quarter century before 1930, this province used on an average 862 new teachers every year. Present indications are that we shall be lucky to find half that number in the years ahead. It appears that we shall have to study now first to induce more of our high

school graduates to enter the teaching colleges, and then second to persuade them to stay on the job. Changed conditions require a rethinking of this basic social problem.

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